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SUBJECT: LOCAL HARB-IS PRESIDENT MAKES INFLAMMATORY REMARKS

1. AT 2230 MARCH 30, 1978, A CAR BELONGING TO AN AMERICAN WORKING AT INCIRLIK WAS DAMAGED BY AN EXPLOSIVE APPARENTLY PLACED NEXT TO ITS WHEEL AT THE CURB. THE BLAST ALSO BROKE WINDOWS IN SEVERAL NEARBY BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE ADANA HEADQUARTERS OF HARB-IS, THE DEFENSE WORKERS UNION, WHICH HAS BEEN THREATENING A STRIKE AGAINST AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS.
2. MARCH 31, WHILE AUTHORITIES WERE INVESTIGATING THE BOMBING,

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LOCAL HARB-IS PRESIDENT ZEKI KISIAL WAS HEARD BLAMING THE BOMBING ON THE AMERICANS. LATER THAT DAY HE REPORTEDLY CONVEYED THIS ACCUSATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE SECURITY DIRECTOR AND ALSO CALLED THE NEWSPAPERS.

3. WHILE SEVERAL PAPERS COVERED THE STORY MORE OR LESS ACCURATELY, ONLY HURRIYET PICKED UP KISIAL'S VERSION ON ITS

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LOCAL NEWS PAGE APRIL 1 UNDER THE HEADLINE "EXPLOSIVE THROWN AT HARB-IS UNION". TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: AN EXPLOSIVE WAS THROWN AT THE TURKISH HARB-IS ADANA BRANCH OFFICE. THE EXPLOSIVE, WHICH WENT OFF AFTER MIDNIGHT, CREATED FEAR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE WINDOWS OF THE HARB-IS UNION OFFICE ON ZIA PASA BOULEVARD WERE BROKEN. WINDOWS OF THE FURNITURE STORE WERE ALSO BROKEN. NOBODY WAS KILLED OR INJURED BY THE

EXPLOSION.

4. QUOTE: ZEKI KISIAL, PRESIDENT OF THE HARB-IS ADANA BRANCH OFFICE MADE A STATEMENT: QUOTE: THIS IS AN AMERICAN CAMPAIGN BECAUSE THE HARB-IS UNION HAS DECIDED TO GO ON A GENERAL STRIKE AT AMERICAN WORK SITES. THIS IS NOT AN ANARCHIST INCIDENT. THE AMERICANS HAVE BEGUN THEIR CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AGAINST THE HARB-IS UNION IN ADANA. THEY WANT TO HAVE A BLOW STRUCK

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NOT ONLY AGAINST HARB-IS BUT AGAINST THE TURKISH LABOR MOVEMENT. NEITHER AMERICA NOR ITS SERVANTS CAN INTIMIDATE US. I HAD A TALK WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECURITY DIRECTOR AND TOLD THEM THAT THIS IS NOT AN ANARCHIST INCIDENT. THIS INCIDENT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST US. END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT KISIAL HAS EMOTIONALLY EMBROIDERED EVENTS IN AN ANTI-AMERICAN MANNER. WHILE THE CHARGES SEEM BENEATH COMMENT, I WAS ABLE TO MEET INFORMALLY APRIL 3 WITH THE LOCAL HURRIYET EDITOR, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE HEADLINE WAS NOT ACCURATE. HE WAS APOLOGETIC ABOUT THE STORY WHICH HE SAID A JUNIOR REPORTER HAD WRITTEN ON THE BASIS OF KISIAL'S PHONE CALL.

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